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**MICROSOFT WINDOWS 7 OPERATING SYSTEM RELEASE CANDIDATE**

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- Plug and Play and Plug and Play Extensions. You may connect new hardware to your device, either directly or over a network. Your device may not have the drivers needed to communicate with that hardware. If so, the update feature of the software can obtain the correct driver from Microsoft and install it on

your device. An administrator can disable this update feature.

- Windows Update. To enable the proper functioning of the Windows Update service in the software (if you use it), updates or downloads to the Windows Update service will be required from time to time and downloaded and installed without further notice to you.

- Web Content Features. Features in the software can retrieve related content from Microsoft and provide it to you. Examples of these features are clip art, templates, online training, online assistance and Appshelp. You may choose not to use these web content features.

- Digital Certificates. The software uses digital certificates. These digital certificates confirm the identity of Internet users sending X.509 standard encrypted information. They also can be used to digitally sign files and macros, to verify the integrity and origin of the file contents. The software retrieves certificates and updates certificate revocation lists over the Internet, when available.

- Auto Root Update. The Auto Root Update feature updates the list of trusted certificate authorities. You can switch off the Auto Root Update feature.

- Windows Media Digital Rights Management. Content owners use Windows Media digital rights management technology (WMDRM) to protect their intellectual property, including copyrights. This software and third party software use WMDRM to play and copy WMDRM-protected content. If the software fails to protect the content, content owners may ask Microsoft to revoke the software's ability to use WMDRM to play or copy protected content. Revocation does not affect other content. When you download licenses for protected content, you agree that Microsoft may include a revocation list with the licenses. Content owners may require you to upgrade WMDRM to access their content. Microsoft software that includes WMDRM will ask for your consent prior to the upgrade. If you decline an upgrade, you will not be able to access content that requires the upgrade. You may switch off WMDRM features that access the Internet. When these features are off, you can still play content for which you have a valid license.

- Windows Media Player. When you use Windows Media Player, it checks with Microsoft for

  - compatible online music services in your region;

  - new versions of the player; and

  - codecs if your device does not have the correct ones for playing content.

  You can switch off this last feature. For more information, go to go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=104605.

- Malicious Software Removal. During setup of the software, if you select "Get important updates for installation", the software may check for and remove certain malicious software ("Malware") from your device during setup. The Malware that will be removed, if found, is listed and periodically updated at www.support.microsoft.com/?kbid=890830. When the software checks your device for Malware, a report will be sent to Microsoft about any Malware

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- Network Awareness. This feature determines whether a system is connected to a network by either passive monitoring of network traffic or active DNS or HTTP queries. The query only transfers standard TCP/IP or DNS information for routing purposes. You can switch off the active query feature through a registry setting.

- Windows Time Service. This service synchronizes with time.windows.com once a week to provide your device with the correct time. You can turn this feature off or choose your preferred time source within the Date and Time Control Panel applet. The connection uses standard NTP protocol.

- IPv6 Network Address Translation (NAT) Traversal service (Teredo). This feature helps existing home Internet gateway devices transition to IPv6. IPv6 is next generation Internet protocol. It helps enable end-to-end connectivity often needed by peer-to-peer applications. To do so, each time you start up the software the Teredo client service will attempt to locate a public Teredo Internet service. It does so by sending a query over the Internet. This query only transfers standard Domain Name Service information to determine if your device is connected to the Internet and can locate a public Teredo service. If you

  - use an application that needs IPv6 connectivity or

  - configure your firewall to always enable IPv6 connectivity

  by default standard Internet Protocol information will be sent to the Teredo service at Microsoft at regular intervals. No other information is sent to Microsoft. You can change this default to use non-Microsoft servers. You can also switch off this feature using a command line utility named "netsh".

- Accelerators. When you click on or hover over an Accelerator in Internet Explorer that supports in-place preview, the title and full web address of the current webpage (if applicable), your device's IP address, and selected text may be sent to the Accelerator provider. If you use an Accelerator provided by Microsoft, the information sent is subject to the Microsoft Online Privacy Statement, which is available at go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=31493. If you use an Accelerator provided by a third party, use of the information sent will be subject to the third party's privacy policy.

- Search Suggestions Service. When you search in Internet Explorer by typing in the search box or by typing a question mark (?) before your search term in the Address bar, you will see search suggestions as you type (if supported by your search provider). Everything you type in the search box or in the Address bar when preceded by a question mark (?) is sent to the search provider as you type it. In addition, when you press Enter or click the Search button, all the text that is in the search box or Address bar is sent to the search provider. If

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- Media Center Online Promotions. If the Media Center features of the software are used to access Internet-based content or other Internet-based services, such Internet-based services may obtain certain information from the software to enable the offer and implementation of certain promotional offers. Such information may include certain device information, such as your Internet protocol address, the type of operating system, browser and name and version of the software you are using, the requested content, and the language code of the device where you installed the software. Your usage of Media Center functionality to connect to such Internet-based content or Internet-based services represents your consent to the collection and use of such information.

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6. **PRODUCT KEYS.** You are responsible for the use of product keys assigned to you (if any). You may not share the products keys with third parties.

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